

1 April 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Review Officer, DDO

FROM: Chief, Classification Review Division

SUBJECT: Review of Testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1961.

1. The attached pages are excerpts from testimony given by CIA and Department of State officials during executive sessions of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1961. This material will be included in Volume XIII, Part I, 1961, "The Situation in Laos," of the Foreign Relations Committee's "Historical Series".

2. These pages were previously reviewed by CIA and portions were exempted from release as indicated by highlighting in yellow. Chairman Percy has asked CIA to re-examine the exempted material to see if it can now be released. Since CIA concurred with the Department of State exemptions we should also review the passages withheld by the Department of State. They are indicated by notes in the margins.

3. The 11 January 1961 transcript was not previously reviewed for declassification. This is the initial review for that document.

4. We have attached Review Worksheets to itemize deletions recommended by Classification Review Division.

5. We request your review of the attached pages as soon as possible as the Senate Committee has requested a reply by 15 April. Please return the pages to CRD, along with your comments.

/s/

Chief,
Classification Review Division

Attachments:

Review Worksheets

Hearings, 11 Jan 61 - 4 pages
11 April 61 - 28 pages
1 May 61 - 48 pages
2 May 61 - 64 pages

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